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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

The agreement that was reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department in antitrust dispute was carefully negotiated to address concerns on both sides of the issue. Microsoft will have to make a number of concessions and changes in the way that it licenses and markets its products, but will be allowed to continue to use the integrated technology that has allowed it lead the industry.

During this period of public comment, I wanted to register my view that it would be in everyone's best interest for the Department of Justice to approve the settlement. America's computer industry is the world's best, and was a major player in the 90's economic boom. Microsoft gets a lot of credit for this. It is bad policy to keep it hobbled with litigation.

Thank you for accepting my comments on this issue.

Sincerely,

David Lukens